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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

"Oh, to grace how great a debtor
"Daily I'm constrained to be
"Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
"Bind my wandering heart to Thee."

—Hymn by Robert Robertson.

Merciful God, we are debtors to Your grace. We want to live our whole lives in grateful response to Your goodness. May Your goodness bind our hearts to You. There is no limit to what we are able to accomplish when love is our motivation. Help us to live this entire day as an expression of our love to You, for all the grace You have lavished upon us. Rather than living by obligation or oughts, may we do our work today as our way of telling You how much we love You. We are so thankful for Your care, for the privilege of living in this free land, for our families and friends and for the opportunity to serve You in the formulation of public policy for the welfare and prosperity of all people. Our goal is to enjoy this day to the fullest. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until the hour of 11 a.m. By previous consent, at 11 a.m., the Senate will begin consideration of S. 955, the foreign operations appropriations bill. Amendments are expected to that appropriations bill, and Senators can,

therefore, expect rollcall votes throughout the day.

As a reminder, under the consent agreement reached last night, a vote will occur on final passage of S. 1004, the energy and water appropriations bill, immediately following the first vote relative to the foreign operations bill. It is hoped the Senate will be able to complete action on the foreign operations bill during today's session of the Senate.

It is also the intention of the majority leader to begin consideration of the legislative appropriations bill this week, as well as complete action on the nomination of Joel Klein under the remaining 3-hour time agreement.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SMITH of Oregon). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business for not to extend beyond the hour of 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for not to exceed 5 minutes each.

The Senators from Nebraska and Georgia are recognized for 20 minutes.

The Senator from Nebraska is recognized.

Mr. HAGEL. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. HAGEL and Mr. CLELAND pertaining to the introduction of S. 1021 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, may I ask whether we are in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. We are in morning business.

DESTRUCTION OF THE EYE OF THE NEEDLE ARCH

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today to express my outrage over an incident that occurred in my home State last May. Over the Memorial Day weekend, vandals on the Missouri River destroyed the Eye of the Needle Arch, as well as several other stone pinnacles nearby.

Lewis and Clark, camping in the traditional homeland of the Blackfoot Indian Tribe, first noted these structures in their historic journal which, I might add, is replete with misspellings: "Seens [sic] of visionary enchantment [sic]" and "ellegant [sic] ranges of lofty freestone buildings," describing the Eye of the Needle Arch along the Missouri River.

Former Montana Senator Lee Metcalf had the foresight to designate that stretch of the Missouri as "wild and scenic," thus ensuring that generations of Montanans would marvel at these wonders.

But what took Mother Nature millions of years to painstakingly carve out was destroyed probably in a matter of hours. The actions of the vandals have been decried in both local and national newspapers, and the people of Montana have been united in their condemnation of the acts. People have donated over \$10,000 in reward money for information leading to the arrests of the individuals responsible. I rise today to add my voice to those who cry out for the loss of a true Montana treasure.

My motivations for speaking on this subject are personal. To me, the Eye of

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